GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1202
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SEIZURE OF URANIUM
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether explosive goods containing semi-processed uranium have been seized by the Intelligence agencies and Bangladeshi security forces recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this uranium was packed in protective packets complete with a user`s manual; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to prevent misuse of these uranium packets by the terrorist groups working in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND)

(a) & (b): According to a report, the Bangladesh Rifles recently seized a packet suspectedto contain 225 grams of raw semi-processed uranium in Nowgaon district in Bangaladesh. Few arrests are reported to have been made.

(c): The material seized in the packet is reported to have a label indicating that it was uranium, with dates of production and expiry, quantity etc,. A catalogue is also reported to have been recovered along with the material. The seized material is reported to be in the custody of Bangladesh authorities.

(d): All matters having security implications are closely monitored by the Government.